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1. ON EVE OF CARTER-BEGIN TALKS, LOCAL MEDIA REMAIN CYNICAL CONCERNIN
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ISRAELI SINCERITY IN ACHIEVING PEACE. ARABIC WEEKLY AL ADWHAA WROTE
JULY 16 THAT "BEGIN KNOWS HIS PLAN WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY PRESIDENT
CARTER ... BECAUSE U.S. WANTS AN EARLY MIDDLE EAST PEACE TO AVOID A
REPETITION OF 1973 OIL EMBARGO" ... BUT BEGIN PLAN ONLY CONTAINS
TRADITIONAL ISRAELI RHETORIC WHICH CANNOT LEAD TO PEACE. AHMED ABDUL
GHANI, ARABIC DAILY AKHBAR AL KHALEEJ STAFFER, SAID JULY 15 BEGIN'S
SUGGESTIONS WERE A RESULT OF AMERICAN PRESSURES AND BEGIN WAS
RELUCTANT TO CONFRONT CARTER. NEWSPAPER CONTINUED THAT THIS IS A
BASIC CHANGE IN ISRAELI POLICY (AT LEAST SINCE 1967), WHICH HAD
ALWAYS REJECTED PEACE. HOWEVER COMMENT CONCLUDED "THE BEGIN
SUGGESTIONS STILL DEMONSTRATE ISRAELI DETERMINATION TO HOLD ON
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TO OCCUPIED ARAB LANDS."

2. AL ADHWAA JULY 16 FEATURE HEADLINED "CARTER GIVES GREEN
LIGHT TO PRODUCING THE BOMB THAT KILLS NINE TIMES" STRESSED
THE POTENT KILLING FORCE OF THE NEUTRON BOMB. NEWSPAPER SAID
U.S. MILITARY HAD ALREADY TESTED IT WITH LIVE MONKEYS...
KILLING THEM IN EIGHT SECONDS FLAT. FEATURE CALLS NEW WEAPON

"INFERNAL", "TERRIBLE" AND "A CHEMICAL WEAPON" WHICH KILLS
LIVING THINGS, BUT DOES LITTLE DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.

3. IN CURIOUS JUXTAPOSITION, AKHBAR AL KHALEEF JULY 18
EDITORIAL CARTOON SHOWS BEGIN LUGGING A NEUTRON BOMB HOME WITH
HIS COMMENT THAT SINCE ONLY PEOPLE ARE HARMED BY THIS WEAPON,
NO ARAB HOLDINGS WOULD BE DAMAGED IN SOME FUTURE ARAB-ISRAELI
WAR.

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